

FIRST RIOT SHOT FIRED AT HASTINGS BY HEAD OF PLANT, BOY SWEARS

In Investigation of Strike Killings Testimony Puts Blame on Van Aken.

William J. Doyle, of Westchester County, began to-day a rigid investigation into the bloody battle waged yesterday between armed guards of the National Conduit and Cable Company's plant at Hastings-on-the-Hudson and a mob of strikers. He announced that if the facts elicited by his inquiry warranted it, he will lay the matter before the County Prosecutor.

The sheriff procured from Frank Berger, a youth who viewed the shooting from a nearby point of vantage, an affidavit wherein Berger says that Van Aken of the conduit plant was the first to draw a gun and that he fired one shot into the mob of strikers, then turned and fled into the inclosure of the factory. Then, according to the boy's statement, the armed guards ran out of the gate and fired upon the strikers from the bridge leading over the railroad tracks.

Van Aken denied he had precipitated the fight and that he had fired a shot during the melee.

"The armed guards employed by the company were entirely responsible for all the bloodshed," the sheriff said to-day. "They lost their heads and fired when there was no provocation. They should never have had guns placed in their hands."

The strike at the big Hastings plant collapsed almost completely to-day. Six hundred of the original 900 operatives who quit work thirteen days ago returned to the plant to-day and at their own request were taken back at the old wage schedule.

The company made no concession to the strikers other than to express a willingness to take back all who were willing to work under conditions which existed before the strike.

With the return of the majority of the malcontents, the danger of a renewal of yesterday's fighting was considered over, but Sheriff William J. Doyle of Westchester County took no chances. He was on the field early to-day with thirty-five deputies, who patrolled the streets leading to the twelve-acre plant where the trouble occurred yesterday. Though a small crowd of strikers, who still refused to yield, gathered at the gate of the plant when the workmen were going in to begin the day's labor, there was no demonstration.

The first thing Sheriff Doyle did when he took charge was to disarm all of the seventy-five special guards who had fired on the mob in yesterday's battle.

BOY DYING FROM YOUTHS' GANG FIGHT IN HARLEM FIELD

Twelve-Year-Old Lad's Skull Fractured in Rock Battle With Companions.

Hiding in fear in their homes in Harlem to-day are a number of boys on whose consciences before the day is ended may hang the murder of little Max Weiskopf, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Weiskopf of No. 64 West One Hundred and Forty-fourth street.

Max, with his skull fractured from the crown to a point behind the right ear, is dying in the Harlem Hospital. His mother, father, sister and two brothers are at his bedside, but he is unable to tell them the story of the boyish gang fight that will probably end in his death, as physicians say he cannot live through the day.

The barns of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company are located on the northwest corner of One Hundred and Forty-sixth street and Lenox avenue. Across the street, along One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, is a big vacant lot, used as a ball ground by the boys of the vicinity. Its stony surface affords, too, a splendid place for the rock battles of the youthful bands of the neighborhood. At night large numbers of boys congregate around the car barns and play in the vacant lot. Boyish fights are so frequent, and so little damage usually is done, that the attaches of the car barn have become accustomed to hearing a shower of rocks crash against the barn as the rival gangs do battle.

Last night, at 8:45, Albert Smith and John Mulloy, of the emergency crew of the car barns, were sitting in front of their stable.

More than a score of boys, the oldest apparently about sixteen or seventeen, were playing in the street. Neither Smith nor Mulloy paid any attention to them. In a short time the men heard boyish voices raised in anger and then an invitation to "come into the lot and fight it out." The invitation was accepted and Smith and Mulloy retired inside the emergency house.

The two men, used to the fights of the neighborhood, heard children's voices scream with rage, and then big curses rolled from boyish lips. Then came a pistol shot and Smith heard a boy declare, laughingly, that "that was a blank cartridge; let's get him good." For answer a shower of stones rained against the emergency stable. Twenty minutes later Mulloy deserted the body of a boy on the sidewalk a hundred feet away. He immediately summoned an ambulance from the Harlem Hospital and the unconscious child was taken to that institution by Dr. Summerville.

"Swat" Files for Prizes.
The Housewives' League, composed of prominent clubwomen of the north shore of Queens, announced last night that they had leased the building at No. 75 Union street, Flushing, for a "Swat the Fly" campaign. Ten prizes are to be awarded boys and girls who bring in the largest number of dead flies.

SUNK IN MOTORBOAT, RESCUED WHEN CRAFT RISES AGAIN, KEEL UP

Diver Takes Capt. Pearson From Under Hull Crushed in Collision.

Capt. Walter Pearson of Great Kills, Staten Island, put out in his 32-foot twin screw motor boat for Greenpoint, where he was to take on a party for a fishing trip this morning. He was heading up stream between the docks along North Fourth and North Fifth streets, Williamsburg, when the Eastern District Terminal Company's tug Intrepid, towing a big railroad boat loaded with freight cars, pulled out of the slip at North Fifth street.

The swirl of the tide caught the Intrepid and headed her, stem first, down stream. Before the vessel could be gotten under control, the bow of the Intrepid had struck the motor boat amidships, cutting her almost in two and sending her down like a plummet.

The Intrepid was stopped and her crew rushed to the sides with life preservers, looking for the occupant of the motor boat. He was not visible. After the boat sank it came to the surface, bottom up. It was feared Capt. Pearson had been caught under her and drowned. His boat floated downstream to North Third street, where it was caught and tied up.

George Wallace, a deck hand on the Intrepid, with nearly a score of rescues to his credit, kicked off his shoes and dived overboard. For several moments the human water rat dived around and finally disappeared under the hull of the Intrepid, reappearing a moment later with Capt. Pearson's unconscious form.

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In his arms, Wallace had found him wedged under the bow of the tug. Deck hands pulled Wallace and Capt. Pearson on board and the Intrepid put back into her slip, where an ambulance was called and Capt. Pearson sent to the Eastern District Hospital. He was suffering greatly from immersion and shock and the physicians feared for his life.

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